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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 23, 2000

PETITION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY CASE NO. PUA000041

For approval of the sale of an
undivided ownership interest in
a natural gas pipeline

PROTECTIVE ORDER

On August 21, 2000, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power") filed a Motion for Protective Order (the "Motion") requesting the entry of a protective order prescribing the procedures by which Confidential Information (as defined below) shall be handled generally in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered Virginia Power's request, is of the opinion, and accordingly finds, that the Motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) As used herein, and solely for purposes of this proceeding, "Confidential Information" shall mean, and consist of, (a) the Service Agreement Under Rate Schedule LVTS between Commonwealth Gas Services, Inc., predecessor of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia"), and Virginia Electric and Power Company, dated January 21, 1991 (the "LVTS Agreement"); and (b) the Response of Virginia Electric and Power Company to Staff

Report (the "Response") filed in this proceeding on August 18, 2000, to the extent that the Response attaches, discusses, summarizes, or discloses portions of the LVTS Agreement.

(2) Confidential Information shall be produced, examined, and used only in accordance with the following conditions:

(a) All Confidential Information shall be used solely for the purposes of this proceeding;

(b) Access to Confidential Information shall be limited to Commission Staff ("Staff"), Virginia Power, the City of Richmond, Virginia (as the proposed purchaser under the Asset Purchase Agreement dated January 9, 2000, which is the subject of this proceeding), Columbia, and their directors, officers, employees, agents, and other authorized representatives, so long as each such person has executed an Agreement to Adhere to Protective Order ("Agreement"), which is Attachment A to this Protective Order. All Agreements shall, upon execution, be promptly forwarded to legal counsel for Virginia Power, John D. Sharer, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., Law Department-OJRP-14, P.O. Box 26666, Richmond, Virginia 23261-6666, and shall be promptly filed by Mr. Sharer with the Clerk of the Commission.

(c) Before access to Confidential Information is granted to any person other than those persons expressly authorized to receive such information under section 2(b), the entity or person desiring to grant access shall seek the written

consent of counsel for Virginia Power and for Columbia, and such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of a negative response, the person or entity seeking permission to grant access may apply to the Commission for such permission.

(d) Any party that contends that it should not be required to permit access to, and disclosure of, Confidential Information shall bear the burden of proving that the Confidential Information should not be disclosed.

(e) The Clerk of the Commission is directed to maintain all Confidential Information under seal.

(f) No person authorized under this Protective Order to have access to Confidential Information shall disseminate, communicate, or reveal any such Confidential Information to any person not specifically authorized under this Protective Order to have access except in accordance with section 2(c) above.

(g) At the conclusion of this proceeding, any originals or reproductions of Confidential Information shall be returned to Virginia Power. At such time, any originals or reproductions of Confidential Information in Staff's possession shall, at Staff's option, be returned to Virginia Power, destroyed, or kept with Staff's permanent work papers in a manner that will preserve the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.

(h) This protective Order does not preclude Virginia Power, Staff, or any other interested person from seeking access

to Confidential Information. In no event, however, shall Confidential Information be disclosed contrary to the terms and conditions of this Protective Order absent an order of the Commission. The burden of proving that Confidential Information should continue to be treated as confidential or that such information not be provided shall be upon the proponent of maintaining the confidentiality of such Confidential Information.

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AGREEMENT TO ADHERE TO PROTECTIVE ORDER

I, _____, on behalf of and representing
_____, hereby acknowledge having read and
understood the terms of the Protective Order entered in this
proceeding by the State Corporation Commission of Virginia on
_____, 2000, and agree to treat all Confidential
Information that I receive in connection with this Case
No. PUA000041 as set forth in, and prescribed by, that
Protective Order.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

On behalf of: _____

Dated: _____